

## From the Editors

As our readers are no doubt well aware, the Editors are fond of pointing out the diversity of subject matter covered in the pages of this Journal. Without overstating the case, we can say that this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* contains an offering of almost every category of paper and a wide range of topics. Here we present Contributions on floral communities in Gippsland; and small mammals on the Victorian Volcanic Plain; a Naturalist Note on hibernating skinks; Book Reviews on a range of subject matter; the latest additions to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act*; and a citation in honour of Ern Perkins, the Australian Natural History Medallionist for 2008. This is diversity of subject and place, indeed.

Looking ahead to the next issue, the June number of the Journal will contain papers from the FNCV Biodiversity Symposium 2008, the subject of which was 'Birds in the urban environment'. This promises to be an interesting collection of papers, and a bonus for those readers who were unable to hear the papers presented last year. Birds are the subject of a number of popular journals today but from the earliest days of *The Victorian Naturalist*, over many years, papers that focused on avian fauna were a regular feature in this Journal. It is thus fitting that, from time to time, we devote an issue to the subject of birds. We anticipate that the June issue will be a landmark one.

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